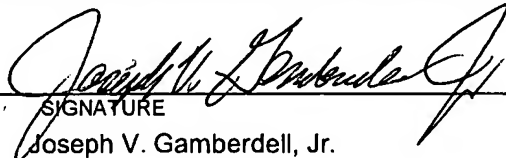


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>785-012537-US (PAR)   |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/EP2004/011668   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>15 OCTOBER 2004 | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/576255</b><br>PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>15 OCTOBER 2003 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SLICING FOOD BARS</b>   |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>MUELLER, Peter, BOCHTLER, Alois, MAIER, Wilfried  |  |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |   |
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| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>   |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Search Report, German Search Report, International Preliminary Examination Report</li> </ol>  |  |   |

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| The following fees have been submitted   |              |   |   | CALCULATIONS                                    | PTO USE ONLY |
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